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Washington Whispers®**Too Many Cooks in the CIA?**

Now expected is a thorough shake-up of the Central Intelligence Agency. Intelligence sources say the President particularly wants to sharpen the handling of the CIA's analyses of foreign affairs and international economics. One complaint is that under existing procedure some of the agency's excellent reports are muddled by the time all the experts get their views in.

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A career officer in Israel's Army, discussing the odds on an Arab-Israeli war along his country's border with Syria: "This is not a serious threat. The Syrians are incapable of such a threat. They know if they start anything we can be in Damascus in 35 minutes and they can do nothing to keep us out."

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Senate hearings on the Watergate political-espionage affair will not get under way until late spring, at the earliest. Associates of Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., the North Carolina Democrat who is to guide the inquiry, say he will not launch it until the criminal case has been completed and that he has hearings scheduled on other matters for the first few months of this session of Congress.

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At a Washington cocktail party, an Eastern European envoy remarked that the scramble of cameramen and reporters around Russia's Leonid Brezhnev and French President Georges Pompidou as they met in the Soviet city of Minsk would not have been permitted by security men at the Paris airport. A French diplomat rejoined: "True—we only secure the airport while you Communists secure whole countries."

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In an effort to step up production, Communist China is wooing industrial workers with higher wages, cash incentives and special awards. In rural areas, peasants' incomes are now determined by quality and quantity of labor output rather than by political thinking and behavior.